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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT TROOPS HIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS

1. RECENT BURMA ARMY ACTIONS AGAINST INSURGENT/NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING GROUPS THE SHAN AND KAYAH STATES WERE REPORTED IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 8. THE REPORT SAID A TOTAL OF 39 ENGAGEMENTS AND 19 SKIRMISHES IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 793 VISS OF RAW OPIUM (1 VISS EQUALS 3.6 POUNDS), 134 KILOS OF BROWN OPIUM POWDER AND 25 GALLONS OF HEAVY OPIUM SOLUTION. ASSORTED WEAPONS AND PACK ANIMALS WERE ALSO TAKEN. NINETY-SIX INSURGENTS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 59 CAPTURED IN THESE CLASHES, AS COMPARED TO THREE BURMA ARMY TROOPS KILLED AND 20 WOUNDED. FIGHTING WAS REPORTED AT KUTKAI, HSENWI, NAMTU, MONGYAI AND TANG YAN TOWNSHIPS IN NORTHEASTERN SHAN STATE; KENG TUNG, MONG PING, MONG HSAT IN THE EASTERN SHAN STATE AND AT HSATAW, BAWLAKE AND PASWANG IN THE KAYAH STATE. THE PRESS REPORT ASSERTED THAT THE ARMY IS "SEEKING OUT AND ASSAULTING OPIUM TRAFFICKING, MULTI-COLOURED INSURGENTS, THEIR OPIUM PROCESSING CENTERS AND THEIR OPIUM STORAGE CAMPS IN THE FORESTS AND CREEKS OF THE SHAN AND KAYAH STATES..."
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2. COMMENT: THESE MILITARY ACTIONS APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE GENERAL PATTERN OF ARMY/INSURGENT WARFARE IN THE OPIUM PRODUCING REGIONS OF BURMA. OTHER REPORTING INDICATES THE BURMA ARMY HAS BEEN TAKING RATHER HEAVY CASUALTIES AS THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY CONTINUES TO APPLY PRESSURE DURING THE MONSOON SEASON. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AS MORE INFORMATION

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